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SUBJECT: THANAT ALLEGATIONS

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1. THREE THAI LANGUAGE AND TWO ENGLISH LANGUAGE
NEWSPAPERS CONTINUED TO PLAY THANAT ALLEGATIONS IN MAY
3 EDITIONS BUT NOT AS LEAD STORIES. A FOURTH THAI LANGUAGE
NEWSPAPER, PHIM THAI, BEGAN SERIALIZING FULL TEXT OF THANAT'S
ARTICLE, WITHOUT COMMENT.

2. BANGKOK NATION CARRIED STORY BASED ON PRAPHAT
INTERVIEW REPORTED REFTEL. LEAD SENTENCE READS
" DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PRAPHAT, WHILE CONFIRMING
YESTERDAY THE ALLEGATION BY MR. THANAT KHOMAN THAT
THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT LIED TO THAILAND IN THE SENDING
OF THE FIRST MARINE CORPS HERE, RAPPED THE FORMER FOREIGN
MINISTER FOR RAISING A FUSS AT THIS TIME," RATHER THAN 12 YEARS
AGO. NEAR END OF ITEM NATION QUOTES FROM PUBLIC STATEMENTS ISSUED
AT THE TIME COMMENTING " IT IS NOT CLEAR WHO EXACTLY MADE THE
REQUEST FOR THE AMERICAN TROOPS BUT IT IS EXTREMELY CLEAR
THAT THERE WAS THAI- U. S. AGREEMENT."

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3. BANGKOK POST IN PAGE 6 ITEM PLAYED ARTICLE IN SIMILAR VEIN.

4. WE PROVIDED ON BACKGROUND BASIS TO AP AND UPI TEXT OF MAY 25, 1962 DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM FOREIGN MINISTER THANAT TO UN SECGEN EXPLAINING INTRODUCTION US TROOPS TO THAILAND. RELEVANT PASSAGE OF THE NOTE READS " ... THE GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND HAS ENTERED INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WHEREBY SOME UNITS OF THE UNITED STATES FORCES ARE INVITED TO BE STATIONED IN THIS COUNTRY FOR THE PURPOSE OF COOPERATING WITH THE THAI ARMED FORCES IN THE DEFENSE OF THAILAND..."
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